Open House on Gordons Pond Trail to be held on April 3

DOVER (March 26, 2013) — DNREC's Division of Parks and Recreation will host a public open house for the proposed Gordons Pond Trail in Cape Henlopen State Park. The Open House will be held from 4 p.m. through 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3 at the Lewes Library, Second Floor Meeting Room, 111 Adams Avenue in Lewes.

This project is part of Governor Jack Markell's Statewide Trails and Pathways Initiative. The proposed trail will provide a key link in a 15.5-mile regional trail system through Lewes and Rehoboth including the existing Junction and Breakwater Trail.

The proposed trail will extend from the wildlife observation platform at Gordons Pond Area to the Walking Dune Trail near Herring Point in Cape Henlopen State Park. Approximately two miles long, the new trail will improve and reroute an existing primitive trail. The proposed trail will consist of a .4 mile elevated segment and 1.5 mile trail with a crushed stone surface.

More trails for walking, hiking, biking, and jogging rank consistently as the highest outdoor recreation need identified by Delawareans throughout the state. In addition, trail networks promote healthy lifestyles and take cars off the road, reducing air pollution and traffic. The Gordons Pond Trail will offer an excellent opportunity for young Delawareans to be outdoors to experience and learn about nature.

Visitors at the Open House can view the Gordons Pond Trail Plan and related information including exhibits, maps, and trail alignments, models of a bridge/boardwalk, trail tread cross sections, and decking material.

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